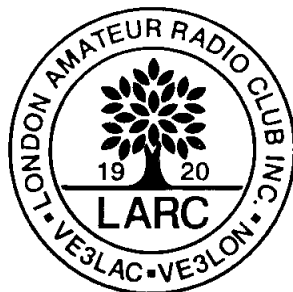


KEYED-UP

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NEXT MEETING

Time: 7:30 Pm, Thursday, November 14th, 2002

Place: St. Jude's Anglican Church 1537 Adelaide St. North basement off of southwest corner of Fanshawe Park Road & Adelaide St. North London Ontario.

Topic: The Invention of Transistors Charles McNeil VE3HBB

Presidents' Message Charles McNeil VE3HBB

Some people have called with a concern that they did not receive a newsletter for October (this one is the November edition). The short answer is this; there was no newsletter for October. The reason was we received no copy! We are unwilling to waste money-reprinting items off the internet. This is your newsletter, and we need people to send in news items. Send us materials and we will print them! The board will be considering a move to five newsletter from ten as a money saving initiative if we continue to receive limited submissions. Board members will continue to publish articles, but we can't do it all ourselves.

The Great 220 Repeater Debate!

Late last year, a suggestion was made that we sell the 220Mhz repeater and put the proceeds of the sale toward equipment upgrades. This has engendered some discussion among the members. This coming meeting, November 14th, we will put the question to the membership. If you wish to have a say and a vote, you'll have to attend the meeting. The pros and cons are published on our website. www.larc.on.ca

These comments in a nutshell are:

Pro: a/ This is a silent machine.

B/ It costs the club money to keep it going.

c/ the money could be better spent in other ways.

Con: a/ If we do not use the band, we may lose it! There is a great deal of corporate pressure to displace amateurs and take over their spectra. If we shut down this machine, it will send a poor message regarding what our priorities are.

B/ There have recently have been new 220Mhz equipment offerings. Kenwood offers a very nice tri-bander incorporating 220Mhz, 2Meter and 70cm. Options. ADI has a fully-featured 220 Mhz mobile rig, and TenTec offers an inexpensive and technically advanced 220 Mhz radio in a kit form.

C/ We could begin a monthly 220Mhz net.

D/ We could link the 220 machine with one of our 2 meter repeaters.

So... What do we do? Do we retain it (and get people to use it) or scrap it and use the money for other purpose? Please come to the meeting and register your opinions.

Well, that's it for now. See you at the meeting.

Ps. Thanks to Archie VE3PTV for giving me my code test. Your president is now QSY to HF!.

L.A.R.C. GENERAL BUSINESS

CLUB INVENTORY

VE3RCL Club Station Red Cross Building
VA3LON 2 METER Repeater Arva Reservoir
VE3MGI 2-METER Repeater Springbank Reservoir
VE3LON 220 Mhz Repeater Mornington Ave.

VE3MGI Repeater

Note: VE3MGI repeater call sign has been changed to VA3MGI

CLUB STATION VE3RCL

Anthony Drawmer VE3SQU is the newly appointed station manager for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

On October 19th the Parkwood seniors station was privilege to be host to the Scouts Annual "Jamboree On the Air" event. Archie VE3PTV and a local Scout troop used the station to participate in this event. The Jamboree on the Air has been a part of Scouts since 1958, an opportunity for them to participate in this worldwide yearly event.

On Oct. 24th monthly executive meeting we will start to arrange times for club stations tours.

VE3LON 220 Repeater

On November 14th at the hall we will have the "Great 220 Debate" . There are many pro and cons for maintaining this station. A vote will be held.

POT LUCK DINNER DECEMBER `12TH 2002

CONTACT BRIAN VA3ATR at va3atr@rac.ca for information.

MEMBERSHIP CARLO CERVONI VE3CVA

As of the end of October 2002 the club has 65 members are registered for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Membership badges 2003 will be issued at Novembers 14th meeting. The badges will be handed out to the members along with the new patch codes and information on using the phone patch. Please be advised that the phone patch is a privilege for the membership, it now is a **closed patch** for membership use only.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Club Speakers Listing (yet to be confirmed)

November 2002	Transistors Charles McNeil VE3HBB
December 2002	Pot Luck Dinner
January 2003	LF Radio Mitch Powell VE3OT
February 2003	Mini Swap Shop bring in your treasures.
March 2003	CANWARN training
April 2003	Microwave Tony VE3SQU and John Watson
May 2003	AGM
June 2003	To be announced

(NOTE: LARC Bulletin will keep the membership advised of any schedule change.)

LARC WEBSITE

<http://www.larc.on.ca>.

Eric Pierce VA3EP has done an outstanding job in setting up the web site for the club. He has skillfully provided us with an outstanding web site one in which all of us at LARC can be proud of. According to many members and non-members they find this web site useful, easy to access and knowledgeable. Eric had found and corrected a problem with the web last month. The problem arose with persons using Netscape as their browser, but according to Eric the problem is now solved, and the site is working well. We as a club should use this site to our advantage and try to promote other clubs in calling upon it. Eric is also planning to expanding the site and to include many new features. Contact Eric at ve3ep@rac.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

VE3ZM THE GUELPH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The birthplace of Col. John McRae, the soldier, doctor, poet who wrote in Flanders Fields, is to hold a special events station, VE3IF (In Flanders). This station is to operate between November 4 till 11, 10:00 hrs. to 1700 hrs est. weekdays and from 13:00 hrs. to 17:00hrs weekend. They will operate 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters. They will check in on TP net and ONTARS. Also on 2meter at 145.210 minus VE3ZMG . All Amateurs are invited to come down and visit the club station and also the Macramé Memorial Musuem at 108 Water Street in Guelph.

www.sentex.net/~mikeew/record/

York Region Hamfest

Markham Fairground- McGowan Road at Elgin Mills Road East-
Markham , Ontario.

November 2nd 2002 start at 9:00 AM.

Call in at 145.350 minus on 2 M.

CONTACT www.yrarc.on.ca/fallfest.htm

Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club

Amateur Radio Fleamarket

Saturday February 1st 2003 9:00 am till 1:00 pm

Canadian Auto Workers Hall 124 Bunting Road St. Catharines Ontario

For information contact ve3vn@rac.ca

Editor's Note

Carlo Cervoni VE3CVA

This is my first try at compiling the LARC News Bulletin. I appreciate all the help and advice from the membership. I can take constructive criticism to improve the upcoming editions. Send comments or information to me at ve3cva@rac.ca . 73's